

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. Claims 1 and 15 are amended. Claims 2, 3, 14, and 16-29 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 4-13, and 15 are pending in this application.

Allowable Claims

Claims 3 and 15 stand objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the elements of allowable claim 3 and intervening claim 2. Claims 4-13 depend from claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 4-13 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 15 has been amended to incorporate the elements of its base claim (claim 14). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 15 is in condition for allowance.

35 U.S.C. § 103

As part of this Response, the claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 have either been canceled or amended to include elements of an allowable claim. These cancellations and amendments have been made in order to expedite issuance of the allowed and allowable claims. These cancellations and amendments have not been made to overcome, and should not be interpreted as having been made to overcome, the rejections of these claims under 35 U.S.C.

§102 and §103. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in one or more continuation applications.

Conclusion

Claims 1, 4-13, and 15 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and issuance of the subject application. Should any matter in this case remain unresolved, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone conference with the Examiner to resolve any such outstanding matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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